

TRANSPORTATION HIGHLIGHTS

Governor Ritter made transportation funding one of his priority issues in the 2009 legislative session. With the loss of significant federal funding, Governor Ritter developed a transportation funding plan, and built a state-wide, bi-partisan coalition leading to the passage of SB 108 (FASTER), that proves Colorado with the first new and sustainable funding source since 1991.

- **SB09-108, Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Gibbs/Rice)** – Known as FASTER, dedicates \$250 million a year to repairing unsafe bridges and maintaining roadways all across the state, while also creating a framework for alternative financing options so Colorado can build a modern transportation system statewide.
- **SB09-94, Division of Transit and Rail (Williams/ Levy)** – Creates the first Transit and Rail Division within the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- **HB09-1034, Allow Regional Transportation Authorities (RTAs) Property Taxes (Liston/Gibbs)** – Gives RTAs the option of asking voters to increase property taxes to fund transportation projects.
- **SB09-78, State Highways to Local Governments (Newell/Rice)** -- Allows the state to work with local governments on potentially transferring state highways to local governments when it is mutually determined that the facility no longer appropriately functions as a state highway.
- **HB09-1027, Yield to Transit Bus Entering Traffic (Rice/Gibbs)** -- Requires vehicles to yield to buses when re-entering traffic after picking up or dropping off passengers.
- **HB09-1236, Driver Stop Distance School Bus Signal (Primavera/Hodge)** Requires drivers to stop 20 feet behind a school bus that is dropping off or picking up children in order to enhance safety.
- **HB09-1234, Driver's License Suspension Hearing (Kerr & Solano/Tochtrop)** -- Immediately suspends driver's license for people who fail to show up for their license suspension hearing.
- **SB09-075, Low-speed Electric Self-propelled Vehicles (Schwartz/Marostica)** -- This bill authorizes the operation of low-speed electric vehicles on roads with a speed limit of 35 mph or less.
- **HB09-1244, PUC Deregulate Trucking Motor Carriers (Casso/Kopp)** In the interest of reducing duplicative state requirements from multiple agencies, intrastate motor carriers will no longer be required to register insurance compliance with the Public Utilities Commission.
- **HB09-1298, Economic Development for Trucking in Colorado (McFadyen/Mitchell)** -- Encompasses three economic stimulators for motor carriers in Colorado: green truck grant program to encourage use of low carbon emission technologies and a \$5,000 grant for qualified carriers that retire 1989 or older model trucks; enterprise zone investment tax credits to include rolling stock for eligibility once sustainable funding source is identified; and sales tax credits for intrastate vehicles that are based out of Colorado.